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Members of the Environment and Transportation Committees:

We are submitting testimony in opposition to S.B. 4, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN AIR ACT.

The Connecticut Energy Marketers Association (CEMA) represents 600 local family owned energy companies in Connecticut and our motor fuels members own, operate and distribute fuel to over 1,000 locations. Our members employ over 13,000 people in the state.

S.B. 4 totally ignores the ability of other fuels and technologies that would accomplish the same goal of lowering emissions. Biodiesel, propane auto gas, renewable diesel and other renewable fuels are here today and ready to help the state lower emissions immediately!

The bill also exposes Connecticut to the risk of blackouts and brown outs. The Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE) issued warnings of blackout just a few months ago because of the tight supply demand picture that we are currently experiencing, and this bill fails to take into consideration the impact that moving school busses, transit busses, state vehicles and incentives for the purchase of EV's will have on our fragile grid (see attached letters).

Finally, before the state spends untold amounts of taxpayer money to artificially reduce the cost of EV's, it needs to fully understand how much more ratepayers will have to pay for the transition to unreliable/intermittent sources of power (wind and solar) and the upgrades in transmission to get it to homes and businesses.

Ratepayers already suffer from some of the highest electric rates in America and should not foot the bill for an electrification plan that should be paid for by the monopolistic electric utility shareholders who will profit from it – not your constituents!

Please oppose S.B. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN AIR ACT.

Respectfully,

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